

# NEWS RELEASE

## City of Deer Park to Update Comprehensive Plan

*Public Open House Scheduled for April 28, 2014*

**(April 7, 2014)** – The City of Deer Park has begun the process to update its comprehensive plan. Originally adopted in 2008, the current comprehensive plan has served the City well in guiding many re-development and infrastructure related decision making.

"The City's first comprehensive plan update will review all of the plan elements but among the key focus areas will be public infrastructure and Business District planning to build on the current momentum of new businesses calling Deer Park home. We also want to incorporate a more regional view to the Plan document by seeking out initiatives and other ideas that take advantage of Deer Park's central location." said Deer Park Safety-Service Director, Michael Berens.

The comprehensive plan is intended to create a unified approach to infrastructure expansion and economic development. Its goals also include preservation of the community's character and assets, improvements in quality of life and the promotion of actions that are in the best short-term and long-term interests of the community as a whole.

The Deer Park Community Improvement Corporation is serving as the Steering Committee for this plan update. This planning process will include a community survey and public meetings in order to gather data and community feedback for the plan update. The first public open house is scheduled for Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Deer Park Council chambers.

The City of Deer Park, Ohio has asked The Kleingers Group of West Chester, Ohio, to lead the community in development of an updated long-term plan. This City has also enlisted the assistance of the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Council of Governments Regional Planning Department to assist in the plan update.

"The comprehensive plan update will lay the groundwork for finding innovative new ways to streamline government, provide critical guidance for future redevelopment opportunities and promote economic development throughout Deer Park's major commercial corridors," said Jay Stewart of The Kleingers Group.

The plan update is expected to be completed in late Summer 2014.

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